GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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TRADING IN FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have initiated steps to encourage inter-State trading in foodgrains and relaxing the stock limits for traders; and

(b) if so, the extent to which these measures have obviated the effect of drought situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a): Central Government has adopted the National Policy of treating the entire country as asingle zone for the movement of foodgrains. All the State Governments/Union TerritoryAdministrations have been accordingly requested to take necessary action to remove all formal and informal controls on trade & industry dealing with wheat & rice in the form of licensing, stock limits and movement restrictions etc.

(b): With the removal of movement restrictions by almost all States, free flow and easyavailability of foodgrains to consumers all over the country has been ensured to a large extent.